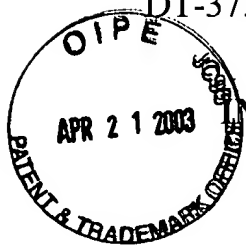


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated March 25, 2003 in which a one-month period for response is set forth. The Examiner requests that a restriction be made to one of the following inventions set forth in:

- I. Claims 11,14,15 drawn to a connecting means;
- II. Claim 13 drawn to specific roller means;
and
- III. Claim 12 drawn to a specific drum configuration.

Applicants elect the invention set forth in claims 11,14,15 drawn to specific connecting means for further prosecution on the merits.

An early Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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